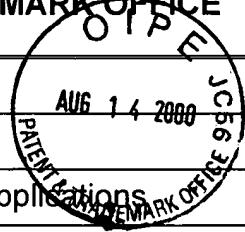


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Applicant	Hubert Manhes
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Official Action

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 8, 2000, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendment

Please amend the specification as follows:

EI Page 5, line 18, after "lines." insert Each of the sections is provided with a blade
10, that may be made integrally with the blade, so that longitudinal sections have a
(common tip) as well.

line 19, change "piercing" to --cutting--.

How can a tip) cut
puncture) pierce

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